

Claim Amendments

Claim 1 (currently amended): An outsole for walking on sand comprising
longitudinal ridges defining gaps therebetween,
a continuous outer edge around the sole adapted to contain sand while walking, and
a sharp forward heel edge,
wherein each ridge and gap has a cross sectional area, and each cross sectional area increases from
a minimum at the outer edge to a maximum at the center of the outsole and wherein each
longitudinal ridge has a side closest to the longitudinal centerline of the sole, and a side opposite the
closest side, the side closest to the longitudinal centerline being beveled between 15 and 75 degrees.

Claim 2 (original): The outsole of claim 1, wherein the continuous outer ridge has cuts
perpendicular to the direction of shoe travel in the material to facilitate bending.

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The outsole of claim 1, ~~wherein each longitudinal ridge has a side
closest to the longitudinal centerline of the sole, and a side opposite the closest side, the side closest
to the longitudinal centerline being beveled about 45 degrees.~~

Claim 5 (currently amended): The outsole of claim 1, ~~wherein each longitudinal ridge has a side
closest to the longitudinal centerline of the sole, and a side opposite the closest side, the side
opposite the closest side being beveled between two and five degrees.~~

Claim 6 (original): An outsole for walking on sand comprising
longitudinal ridges defining gaps therebetween,
a continuous outer edge around the sole adapted to contain sand while walking, and
a sharp forward heel edge,

wherein the ridges and outer edge are aligned to form a substantially flat walking surface, and the bottoms of the gaps, taken by themselves, approximate a concave shape.

Claim 7 (original): The outsole of claim 6 wherein the gaps closest to the outside edge of the sole are about 0.10 inches deep.

Claim 8 (original): The outsole of claim 7 wherein the gaps that are the next closest to the outside edge are about 0.20 inches deep.

Claim 9 (original): The outsole of claim 8 wherein the gaps that are the closest to the longitudinal centerline are about 0.30 inches deep.

Claim 10 (original): An outsole for walking on sand comprising
longitudinal ridges defining gaps therebetween,
a continuous outer edge around the sole adapted to contain sand while walking, and
a sharp forward heel edge,

wherein the ridges and outer edge are aligned to form a substantially flat walking surface, and the gaps nearest the outside edge of the sole are the shallowest gaps, and the gaps nearest the longitudinal centerline are the deepest gaps to approximate a substantially concave surface.

Claim 11 (currently amended): An outsole for walking on sand comprising
longitudinal ridges defining gaps therebetween, and
a continuous outer edge around the sole adapted to contain sand while walking,
wherein each ridge and gap has a cross sectional area, and each cross sectional area increases from

a minimum at the outer edge to a maximum at the center of the outsole and wherein each longitudinal ridge has a side closest to the longitudinal centerline of the sole, and a side opposite the closest side, the side closest to the longitudinal centerline being beveled between 15 and 75 degrees.

Claim 12 (original): The outsole of claim 11, wherein the continuous outer ridge has cuts perpendicular to the direction of shoe travel in the material to facilitate bending.

Claim 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (currently amended): The outsole of claim 11, ~~wherein each longitudinal ridge has a side closest to the longitudinal centerline of the sole, and a side opposite the closest side, the side closest to the longitudinal centerline being beveled about 45 degrees.~~

Claim 15 (currently amended): The outsole of claim 11, ~~wherein each longitudinal ridge has a side closest to the longitudinal centerline of the sole, and a side opposite the closest side, the side opposite the closest side being beveled between two and five degrees.~~

Claim 16 (original): An outsole for walking on sand comprising
longitudinal ridges defining gaps therebetween, and
a continuous outer edge around the sole adapted to contain sand while walking,
wherein the ridges and outer edge are aligned to form a substantially flat walking surface, and the bottoms of the gaps, taken by themselves, approximate a concave shape.

Claim 17 (original): The outsole of claim 16 wherein the gaps closest to the outside edge of the sole are about 0.10 inches deep.

Claims 18 - 20 (canceled).